WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New package for development of NER

749. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to announce any new package for the development of North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Recently in 2000 the Prime Minister had announced an agenda for Socio-Economic Development of North-Eastern States and Sikkim at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,271 crores which has now been revised to Rs. 13,390.29 crores. Various Programmes and Schemes under the agenda are under implementation. The Projects/schemes under the agenda relate to infrastructural development in the sectors of Power, Roads, Airports, Health and Other schemes of employment generation etc. On completion of these schemes/programmes, the North Eastern States will have better infrastructure, greater connectivity and increase in employment opportunities.

The status of implementation of programmes and Schemes of Prime Minister's Agenda for Socio-Economic Development of North Eastern States and Sikkim, announced at Shillong on 22nd January, 2000 can also be seen at website: pmindia.nic.in.

Valuation of PSUs to be disinvested

750. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest some PSUs by the end of March, 2002;